**Tourist/Religious spots in Chhattisgarh**

2303. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Chhattisgarh Government to provide financial assistance for the development of its tourist/religious spots;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there are any new tourism projects that have been approved by Government in Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides funds for the identified projects in consultation with them every year.

Based on the proposals received from the State Government, Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has sanctioned the following projects:

**2002-2003** (Rs. in lakhs)

| S.No. | Name of the project | Amount sanctioned |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Product Infrastructure and Destination Development of Jagdalpur (Bastar) Chhattisgarh | |
| | (i) Herbal Resort | 24.00 |
| | (ii) Improvement of surroundings | 25.00 |
| | (iii) Development of infrastructure | 45.00 |
| | (iv) Wayside amenities | 100.00 |
| | (v) Signages | 8.00 |
| | (vi) National Museum of Dokracraft | 40.50 |
| | (vii) Illumination of destinations | 35.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | Procurement of IT equipment | 30.00 |
| 3. | Painting competition during World Tourism Day | 0.50 |
| | Total | 308.00 |
| | 2003-2004 | |
| 1. | Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chitrakote | 50.00 |
| 2. | Rajim and Bhoramdeo Festivals | 7.00 |
| | Total | 57.00 |

**National Capital Tourism Circuit**

†2304. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate National Capital Tourism Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Tourism.

(b) *Does not arise.*

**Release of water from Alamatti Dam**

2305. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Andhra Pradesh to take up the issue with the Government of Karnataka to release 50 TMC water from Alamatti Dam to meet the water requirements of Rayalaseema and Telangana areas; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.